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In re application of:
Ronland Plottel DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No.: 09/772,305
Filed: January 29, 2001
For: Device for Changing Operating Mode
For Chip Card Reader

This is a decision on the petition received on April 24, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed on March 12, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on May 15, 2001.

On March 24, 2003, the office received a communication from the applicant of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgement that the attorney received the filing receipt but never received the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed on March 12, 2001.

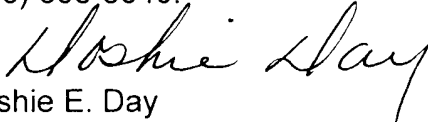
The office responded to the status letter with a Cover Letter for Resending Correspondence and a copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, which was mailed on March 12, 2001. The notice did not give counsel adequate time to respond. Counsel responded to the notice on April 24, 2003. The response of April 24, 2003 will act as a timely response.

The petition is Granted.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 2876.

The office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doshie Day", written in dark ink.

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